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TO : Executive Assistant to DCI

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FROM : Asst. Director for Communications

SUBJECT: Letter to Department of State on Reciprocity Radio Stations

Reference our conversation today over the wording of a letter from the DCI to the Secretary of State, I suggest a revision of the paragraphs we discussed substantially as follows:

"In large measure I believe that the existing inadequacies in the structure could be corrected if it were possible to offer selected foreign governments the reciprocal benefit of operating a radio station for the handling of diplomatic correspondence. Therefore, it will be appreciated if the Department will explore the possibility of negotiating bi-lateral agreements which would strengthen the diplomatic communications services, upon which the Deparment [redacted] either through a liberal interpretation of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or by obtaining necessary legislative amendments. If it is determined that it is possible to negotiate such agreements, selection of the governments to be considered may then be accomplished by mutual agreement between us."

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